

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

January 4, 2000

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RE:

MUR 4594

China Airlines, Ltd.

Dear Messrs. Witten and Shane:

On December 3, 1996, China Airlines, Ltd. ("your client") was notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that it violated 2 U.S.C. § 441e. On February 14, 1997, you submitted a response to the Commission's reason to believe finding.

After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on December 29, 1999, to take no further action against your client, and closed the file as it pertains to it. The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

The Commission reminds your client that foreign nationals may not directly or indirectly contribute to any candidate for federal, state or local election within the United States. See 2 U.S.C. § 441e. Your client should take steps to ensure that any such activity does not occur in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Xavier K. McDonnell

Attorney